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SUBJECT: GREEK-TURKISH MEETING ON AEGEAN IN PARIS  
CALLED OFF

1. FRENCH NEWS SERVICES REPORTED SEPT. 30 THAT A GREEK-TURKISH CONFERENCE ON AEGEAN ISSUES SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN PARIS SEPT. 25-27 HAD FAILED TO MATERIALIZE BECAUSE GREEKS INSISTED THAT MEETING CONCERN ITSELF ONLY WITH PREPARATION OF TEXT FOR JOINT SUBMISSION OF DIFFERENCES TO INTERNATIONAL COURT AT THE HAGUE.

2. GREEK POL COUNSELOR GEORGIU OFFERED US SOMEWHAT FULLER EXPLANATION. ACCORDING TO THIS ACCOUNT IDEA OF PARIS MEETING RESULTED FROM SERIES OF GREEK-TURKISH DISCUSSIONS BEGINNING LAST FEBRUARY. IN  
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GREEK VIEW IT WAS UNDERSTOOD FROM THE OUTSET THAT

THIS MEETING OF EXPERTS WAS TO BE CHARGED ONLY WITH THE PREPARATION OF A JOINT SUBMISSION TO THE INTERNATIONAL COURT AT THE HAGUE OF GREEK-TURKISH DIFFERENCES OVER SOVEREIGNTY

IN THE AEGEAN. GEORGIU STRESSED THAT THIS IN ITSELF WAS A MAJOR GREEK CONCESSION TO THE TURKS AND REFLECTED GREEK WILLINGNESS TO BE CONCLIATORY, SINCE IN GREEK VIEW AEGEAN SOVEREIGNTY QUESTION DEFINITELY SETTLED IN LAUSANNE AND GENEVA CONVENTIONS. GREEK-TURKISH DISCUSSIONS REGARDING THIS MEETING ALONG ABOVE LINES WERE FURTHER REFINED BETWEEN THEIR FOREIGN MINISTERS IN MAY AND FINALLY CONTINUED IN A CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE RESPECTIVE PRIME MINISTERS AT THE NATO SUMMIT IN BRUSSELS. PRECISE DATE FOR PARIS MEETING, HOWEVER, WAS SET ONLY RECENTLY, BUT GEORGIU CLAIMED, WAS NOT RESULT OF GISCARD'S DISCUSSIONS IN GREECE.

3. UNFORTUNATELY, GEORGIU CONTINUED, THE MEETING BECAME UNSTUCK EVEN BEFORE IT STARTED, WHEN TURKS PRODUCED DRAFT COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE WHICH WOULD HAVE DESCRIBED IT AS A BILATERAL FORUM FOR, IN EFFECT, OPEN-ENDED DISCUSSION OF GREEK-TURKISH DIFFERENCES IN THE AEGEAN. GREEKS FOR THEIR PART REITERATED THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF LIMITED PURPOSE OF MEETING AS DESCRIBED ABOVE. THIS DIFFERENCE COULD NOT BE RECONCILED. AS A RESULT AEGEAN ISSUE IS ONCE AGAIN UP IN AIR. GEORGIU NEVERTHELESS THOUGHT THAT THERE WAS AT LEAST A CHANCE FOR RENEWED PROGRESS IN THIS FIELD AFTER THE OCTOBER 12 ELECTIONS IN TURKEY.

4. COMMENT: SINCE WE HAVE NOT HAD DETAILS GREEK-TURKISH NEGOTIATIONS ON THESE ISSUES WE OFFER ABOVE FOR WHAT IT MAY BE WORTH, AND DEFER DEPARTMENT AND AMEMBASSIES ANKARA AND ATHENS FOR COMMENT. SINCE FRENCH ARE CLEARLY INCREASINGLY ACTIVE IN GREEK-TURKEY-CYPRUS FIELD, THE THOUGHT DOES OCCUR TO US THAT IT MAY NOW BE USEFUL TO PROVIDE US WITH SOMEWHAT GREATER BACKGROUND THESE ISSUES THAN IN THE PAST.  
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